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Specialty

Educator specializing in empowering individuals, law firms, organizations, communities and governments to develop skills in litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution that are tailored to their needs. *In lieu of providing fish Professor Seckinger focuses on teaching another person or group to fish*

Professor Seckinger's specialty is litigation before common law tribunals, international arbitration panels and special courts for humanity, such as the International Criminal Court for Rwanda (1996) and the Special Court for Sierra Leone 2004.

Professor Seckinger has taught trial advocacy skills for fact witnesses and expert witnesses before common law tribunals in law schools, law firms, legal organizations throughout North America, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand.

Professor Seckinger has taught advocacy skills before international arbitration panels at Universite de Geneva MIDS (masters in dispute resolution) program and Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA] programs on Fact Witnesses and separate programs on Expert Witnesses in Geneva, Lausanne, Paris, London, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bogota, Sao Paola.

Professor Seckinger has taught courses on depositions / examinations for discovery for law students in the U.S. and Canada, for law firms in the U.S. and Canada. Professor Seckinger has also taught courses on Evidence at Cornell and Notre Dame. Professor Seckinger has also taught seminars on ethics for practicing lawyers at law firms and professional organizations.

Education

Notre Dame Law School, JD Honors 1st in class, Hoynes and O'Meara Awards, Prentice-Hall Tax Award, Brennan Scholar, Law Review, published two articles.

Vanderbilt University Masters in Nuclear Physics with Honors; Thesis at Atomic Energy Argonne National Laboratory, Lamont Illinois.

St. John's University, Minnesota, B.S. Physics/Math, Summa Cum Laude, 3.92 gpa 1st in class
High School, New Rockford North Dakota

Bar Admissions

Current: Supreme Court of the United States; **Inactive:** Supreme Courts of Colorado and Indiana; US District Court for Colorado; US Tenth Circuit Court of Appeal; US District Court for ND Indiana, US Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal

Appointments

Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame. Trial Advocacy, Deposition Skills, Evidence

Visiting Professor: Cornell Law School. Trial Advocacy, Evidence

Visiting Professor: University of Toronto Law School. Trial Advocacy, Examination for Discovery Skills (Canada's version of Deposition Skills)

One of four Founding Directors, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [*FIAA.com*]

Member FIAA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Director of Education, Faculty, Author Executive Director, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] 15 years, Faculty to present

Master Member, Robert A. Grant Inn of Court, South Bend Indiana

Chief Deputy, Denver District Attorneys Office

Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship

Law Clerk, William E. Doyle, U.S. District Court, Denver, Colorado

Summer Associate, Davis Graham Stubbs Denver, Colorado; Cushman Darby Cushman, DC

Honors

Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching Advocacy.

Scholarship established to honor James H. Seckinger for his contributions to the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy Geneva [*FIAA.com*] Geneva

Designed a Program on "Advanced Questioning Techniques" for Osgoode Professional Development, York University, Toronto, which won the U.S. ACLEA award

Member, Advisory Panel to Indiana Commission on Continuing Legal Education's Committee on Attorney Specialization.

Francis Rawle Award from ALI-ABA for extraordinary service to post-admission legal education.

Master Member, Robert A. Grant Inn of Court, South Bend IN

Honors (cont.)

Special Lecturer, Australian Legal Convention, Adelaide, Australia

Presented a paper on Expert Witnesses, which has been revised and published on three continents.

Author of a casefile with problems that has been published in United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore,

Certificate of Excellence for Teaching of Trial Advocacy, Roscoe Pound Foundation.

Honorary Member of New Zealand Law Society (first non-native New Zealander to be so honored).

I. Goodman Cohen Lecturer in Trial Advocacy, Wayne State University School of Law. Presented a paper which was published.

Invited Keynote Speaker, Swearing-in Ceremony for Hon. Ann C. Williams, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Academic Fellow, International Society of Barristers.

Special Recognition for Outstanding Service, National Mock Trial Team, Notre Dame Law School. 3 times.

Distinguished Teacher Award, Notre Dame Law School.

Contributions – Global Community

Founder and Trustee, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com]

Designed and Taught First Advocacy Skills Program for Prosecutors, Rwanda War Crimes Tribunal, Kigali, Rwanda.

Designed and Taught an Advocacy Skills Program for Prosecutors, Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Started advocacy skills training in New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, England, El Salvador

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills program for Scotland's Advocates.

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills programs for the major English law firms when solicitors received the rights of audience.

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills programs for *examining fact witnesses* in international arbitration proceedings in Geneva, Singapore, Mumbai, London, Paris, Sao Paolo, Bogota

Contributions – Global Community (cont.)

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills programs for *examining expert witnesses* in international arbitration proceedings in Geneva, Singapore, Hong Kong, London, Paris

With Steven Lubet designed and taught the first programs training experts to be witnesses in common law proceedings and arbitrations. Conducted such programs in Australia, New Zealand, England, several cities in United States.

Contributions – Canada

Assisted Garry Watson and others in founding Trial Advocacy Skills Training in Canada.

Wrote Materials and Designed Programs throughout Canada

Designed a Program on “Advanced Questioning Techniques” for Osgoode Professional Development, York University, Toronto, which won the U.S. ACLEA award

2015-present designed, directed and taught a three day advocacy skills program for lawyers seeking admission to the Ontario Bar (80% are lawyers of colour), *Law Practice Program- Advocacy Skills*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario.

Contributions – United States

Participated in the initial programs developed by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] in Boulder, Colorado.

Director, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] 15 years. Focused on 1) creating and developing trial skills programs run by NITA; 2) Developing materials for use in law schools, legal organizations, and law firms; 3) bringing the NITA programs to law firms, legal organizations, such as US Department of Justice, Bar Associations, District Attorneys’ Offices, Public Defenders Offices, Public Interest Lawyers; 4) bringing the NITA materials and methods to the global community.

Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com] FIAA programs have been conducted in Washington DC and New York using materials of which I am the primary author

Other contributions see long cv.

Recent Publications

2015

State v. Diamond & State v. Doyle. Homicide Case File. Innovative Gender Focus
See Introduction attached.

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, April 2015 MIDS LLM Program Universite de Geneva, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Expert Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 396 pp, November 2015 London, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

Materials for Programs in which Professor Seckinger participated

2016

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Expert Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 396 pp, March 2016 Hong Kong, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, May 2016 MIDS LLM Program Universite de Geneva, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

Materials for Programs in which Professor Seckinger participated

2017

Evidence in Context, A Trial Evidence Workbook, 296 pp, Burns, Lubet, Moberly, Seckinger
National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA]

Problems and Materials in Evidence and Trial Advocacy, Volume One Cases, 249 pp, Burns, Lubet, Moberly, Seckinger, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA]

Problems and Materials in Evidence and Trial Advocacy, Volume Two Problems, 89 pp, Burns, Lubet, Moberly, Seckinger, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA]

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, May 2017 MIDS LLM Program Universite de Geneva, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

Recent Publications

2017 (cont.)

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 170 pp, September 2017 Bogota Columbia, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

Materials for Programs in which Professor Seckinger participated

2018

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, May 2018 MIDS LLM Program Universite de Geneva, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

*Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Expert Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 396 pp, March 2018 Paris, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)

Materials for Programs in which Professor Seckinger participated

Pre-2015 Publications

Materials developed and published for each program Professor Seckinger participated within the United States, Canada, Latin America, England, Scotland, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand

References

Kenneth Broun
Dean Emeritus
Law School
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Robert Burns
Professor of Law
Northwestern University
Chicago, Illinois

Hon Carol Corrigan
Justice
California Supreme Court

Lady Justice Leona Dorrian
Court of Appeal of Scotland
Edinburgh, Scotland

Timothy Dutton QC
Barrister, former President of
the London Bar
London, England

Rayner Hamilton
International Arbitrator
Retired Partner White and Case
New York, N.Y.

References

Gabrielle Kaufmann- Kohler
International Arbitrator
Geneva, Switzerland

Timothy Nickels
Managing Partner
Swanson, Martin & Bell
Chicago, IL

Victoria Watkins
Director, Professional Development
Osgoode Law School
York University
Toronto, Canada

Lord Justice Brian Leveson
Court of Appeal for United Kingdom
London, England

David Roney
Partner, Arbitration Practice
Sidley Austin
Geneva, Switzerland

Hon. Ann C. Williams
Circuit Judge, Retired
7th Circuit Court of Appeals
Chicago, IL
Now with Jones Day